

A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1) Program Operation	STATE-ADMINISTERED
2) Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	54 LOCAL OFFICES
3) Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	10 OFFICES
4) Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	NO
5) Agreements With Tribal Entities	NONE
6) Age of Majority for Termination of Support	18; support order entered after 7/1/92 may provide for the extension of child support to age 20 if the child is still in secondary school
7) Statutes of Limitation:	
• Collection of Past Due Support	None
• Paternity Establishment	None
Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	Yes
8) Guidelines	Percentage of obligor's gross income
9) Interest Rates on	
• Missed Payments	Statutory rate 12% effective July 1, 1996
• Retroactive Support	N/A

• Adjudicated Arrearage	Procedure is being developed
10) Arrearage Collections for Non-minor Child(ren)	Yes; through contempt, IRS full collection
11) Distribution Scheme	
• AFDC Arrears	CHECK W/ JERE MARTIN
• Non-AFDC Arrears	
12) Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	Yes
13) New Hire Reporting	Yes
14) Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	No
15) Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	No
16) Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	Yes; O.C.G.A. Section 19-7-41 and O.C.G.A. 9-10-91
17) Automated Locate Resources	yes
18) Enforcement Options	
• State Income Tax Refund Intercept	Yes
• License Revocation/ Suspension	yes; effective 7/1/96
• Administrative Liens	Yes
• Property Seizure & Sale	Yes

• State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Unemployment compensation benefits, Workman's compensation, retirement benefits
• Other (please specify)	Lottery winnings
19) Spousal Maintenance Orders <i>(specify yes or no)</i>	
• Establish	No
• Enforce	Yes, if in connection with child support
• Modify	No
20) Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	No

B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

1) State Code Citation	N/A
2) Effective Date	N/A
3) Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	N/A
4) Repeal URESA?	N/A
5) Repeal IWW?	N/A

C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1) Income Withholding Terminology	Orders to Withhold and Deliver Income Deduction Orders

2) Income Withholding Procedures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Withholding Limits 	The total deduction may not exceed 50 percent of the obligor's disposable income where the obligor has a second family, 60 percent where there is no second family, and an additional 5 percent of either if the arrearage is equal to 12 weeks or more in support payment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee Charged by Employers 	One time set-up fee of \$25; \$3 for each subsequent deduction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date to Remit 	Within two working days of each payment date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalty 	Liability for that which should have been deducted, plus costs, interest, and reasonable attorneys' fees
3) Definition of Employer	Any person, private entity, federal or state government, or any unit of local government providing or administering income due the Respondent
4) Included Income	Wages, salary, bonus, commission, compensation as an independent contractor, workers compensation, unemployment compensation, disability benefits, annuity and retirement benefits, pensions, dividends, interest royalties, trust or any other payments
5) Excluded Income	AFDC, SSI, VA disability
6) Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address	No
7) Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address	No
8) Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	No
9) Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to	No
10) Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question

11) Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	Yes
12) Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes
13) Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income	Yes, but only if the order contains a provision for wage withholding
14) Exception to Immediate Withholding	Yes
15) Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
• Policy	Under Income Deduction Orders, employers are instructed to deduct a "proportionate share" of the withheld income to be allocated for each order
• Priority	The Income Deduction Order has priority over all other legal processes under state law pertaining to the same income except tax levies of the Internal Revenue Service or the Georgia Department of Revenue
• Assistance	Angelo Bonito, Sr. Operations Analyst, or Carol McLeod, Operations Analyst, (404) 657-3864
• Allocation	First to current support, proportionately among the cases, then to arrears, proportionately among the cases

D. PATERNITY

1) Interstate Paternity Procedures	Unless consent order is obtained, court will order genetic testing under civil paternity statute
Consent Orders Obtained	Yes
2) Uniform Parentage Act	No
3) Uniform Act on Blood Testing	No

4) Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	Yes
5) Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	No
6) Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	Yes, at 97% or higher
Threshold	97%
7) Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)	Yes, Rebuttable
8) Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	Yes
9) Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	A presumption of paternity if A/P consents to his name on the birth certificate
10) Other Statutory Presumptions	Yes, if A/P consents to his name on paternity affidavit or other vital record
11) Recognition of Common Law Marriage	Yes. However, common law marriages established after January 1, 1997 will no longer be recognized as legal unions
12) Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required	No. Paternity testimony or URESA general testimony
Acceptable Methods of Testimony	Written, sworn, and notarized testimony
13) Long-Arm Statute	O.C.G.A. 19-7-41 and O.C.G.A. 9-10-91
14) Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	
• Service of Process	No
• Genetic Testing	Yes, will provide names of available testing labs

15) Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	No
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E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1) Interstate Procedures	If no prior order exists, an order must be established through URESA process and/or administrative process with the exception that if paternity disputed, then order must be established through URESA process
2) Income Considered for Setting Support	NCP's gross income/CP's gross income
3) Criteria for Rebuttal	None
4) Support Order for Prior Periods	No

F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part “G”)

I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1) Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	Income Deduction; Contempt; Withhold & Deliver; State tax offset; Lottery Intercept; Credit Bureau Reporting
2) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	Administrative Income Deduction Order; Withhold & Deliver; State & Federal tax offset; Lottery Intercept; Credit Bureau Reporting
3) Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	Service of contempt actions by second original to jurisdiction of NCP. No in-state registration

II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES' ORDERS

4) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	Administrative Income Deduction Order; Withhold & Deliver; State tax offset; Lottery Intercept; Credit Bureau Reporting

5)	Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	Enforcement under FFCCSOA/Registration not required
6)	UIFSA/URES A Registration and Enforcement Procedure	N/A
7)	Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	N/A
8)	Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	N/A

G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1)	Jurisdiction Requirements	We do not modify other states orders unless that state has lost CEJ. Final actions are filed in the county of the adversely affected party
2)	Modification Procedures	CSE will, upon written request in non-AFDC cases, and without a request in AFDC cases, review child support orders (judicial orders and administrative orders) no later than 36 months after the date of the order for a possible modification. CSE will review orders for modification of current support, medical support and arrears/repay amount. CSE will recommend modification to either increase or decrease current support and/or add medical support if it is not addressed in the underlying order as well as establish/update an arrearage and repay amount. The CSE Recommendation for Modification is submitted either to an Administrative Law Judge for Administrative Orders or to the Superior Court for Judicial Orders with a request that an Order be issued adjusting the child support award
3)	Criteria for Modification	A determination that there is a significant inconsistency between the amount of the existing child support order and the amount of child support which would result from the application of the State code section pertaining to the amount of the child support award
4)	Criteria for Change of Circumstances	Change of circumstances is not a criteria for modification
5)	Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	Every three years
		Must be a IV-D case. Must be an active, located AFDC, IV-E or

6) Criteria for Review	Medicaid case with an order at least 36 months old. For active, located non-AFDC or former AFDC cases with an order at least 36 months old, there must be a written request for the review
7) Criteria for Adjustment	A modification must result in a calculated award which would increase or decrease the current support award by 15% or greater <u>with</u> a minimum \$25 per month increase or decrease

H. MULTIPLE ORDERS ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1) Controlling Order	
2) Date of Controlling Order	
3) If No Controlling Order	
4) Arrears Procedure	

I. Documentation Required To Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certifi-cation required for each docu- ment *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support	Birth Certificate; Paternity affidavit;	1	No
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	Certified copy of the Order of support; notarized copy of the Arrears Affidavit; Interstate Enforcement Transmittal	1	No
Modification of Responding States' Orders	We do not modify other States Order unless that State has lost Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction under FFCCSOA guidelines.		
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order	Interstate Enforcement Transmittal requesting enforcement under FFCCSOA;	1	Yes
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	Orders enforced under FFCCSOA Registration not required.	1	Yes
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders	Copy of all States orders and arrearage affidavits.	1	No

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copie s of each docu- ment	Certifi-cation required for each docu- ment *See below
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act	N/A		
Modification of Another State's Order	We do not modify other States Order unless that State has lost Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction under FFCCSOA guidelines.		
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	Names and SSNs of parties. Contact Central Registry only if location unknown or local office has failed to respond.	1	E
Assistance/Discovery			
Quick Locate	Quick Locate form. Miminium data element: Name, age, last known address.	1	E

**A= Notarization by Notary Public; B= Certification by signature of agency official;
C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);
E= Certification not required*

J. STATE CONTACT CHART

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	Janice Alford, Locate/Central Registry Manager PO Box 38070, Atlanta, Ga 30334-0070, 404-657-3784 fax: 404-657-1462
Central Registry	SAME AS ABOVE
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	SAME AS ABOVE
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	SAME AS ABOVE
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	Rodney Hicks, Manager CSCA PO Box 38450, Atlanta, GA 30309 404-657-3898 fax 404-657-3326
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	Contact case manager in local child support office.
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	Local office if requesting order obtained by Child Support. Clerk of Court of County order obtained if outside of Child Support. (Address & Phone number provided in CSE Directory furnished to SPLS and Cen Registries in each state.
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no "case" in your State) for	Can contact appropriate local office to see if they use private process server.

<p>·</p> <p>Service of Process</p> <p>(private process server? If so , list)</p>	<p>Sheriff's Department of county of residence.</p> <p>(Ga CSE Office Directory mailed to SPLS, Cen Reg in each state includes address and phone number).</p>
<p>·</p> <p>Genetic Testing</p> <p>(e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing)</p>	<p>We can provide names of available testing labs. Contact local office for name of lab.</p>
New Hire Reporting Contact	<p>Mary Demott (Dept. Administrative Services)</p> <p>404-657-2498 f ax 404-657-3860</p>
Employer Assistance Contact	<p>1. Case Manger in local office</p> <p>2. Locate/Central Registry Manager 404-657-3874</p> <p>or fax 404-657-1462</p>
<p>Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests</p> <p>(if any)</p>	N/A
<p>Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests</p> <p>(if any)</p>	404-657-2780
Privatization Contact	<p>Gerald Gillette/Privatization Manager</p> <p>Child Support Enforcement</p> <p>2 Peachtree Street NW</p> <p>Suite 15-100</p> <p>Atlanta, Georgia 30303</p> <p>(404)657-3863 FAX:(404)657-1134</p>